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1. ALTHOUGH PERTINENT MATERIAL IS STILL BEING PREPARED BY
THE PARTICIPANTS FOR SUBMISSION TO COMMERCE, WE HAVE RECEIVED
POSITIVE INDICATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING: PROCESS PLANTS
DIVISION, OF CHEMICO, DOW, FMC, GULF CORP PROTECTION PRODUCTS
DIVISION, ELI-LILLY, UNION CARBIDE AND MONSANTO WITH
DECISIONS FROM STAUFFER, OLIN AND AMERICAN CYANIMID IMMINENT.
WE EXPECT SEVEN OF THE TEN WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE IT.

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2. THE SUBJECTS THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE: HERBICIDAL

DEVELOPMENTS; FUNGICIDES; SEED PROTECTION; ANIMAL FEEDING SUPPLEMENTS; FERTILIZER FEEDSTOCK PROCESSING TECHNIQUES; AND INSECTICIDES. AS EACH OF THESE SUBJECTS IS RATHER WIDE IN ITS SCOPE, WE ANTICIPATE MORE THAN ONE PRESENTATION OF ANY OF THE ABOVE. NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS PER SE ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE TOPIC DUE TO THE PRESENT WORLDWIDE SHORTAGE OF THESE COMMODITIES. PLEASE ASSURE HOST CO-SPONSOR, HOWEVER THAT PRESENTATIONS WILL COVER THE LATEST TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL AREAS WHICH AS INDICATED ABOVE WILL BE CONCENTRATED PRIMARILY ON PESTICIDES.

3. TO ASSURE THE HIGHEST CALIBRE ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO THIS EVENT, WE HAVE OBTAINED THE SERVICES OF DR. WILLIAM HOLLIS, SCIENCE COORDINATOR OF THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS ASSOCIATION IN WASHINGTON TO CHAIR THE SEMINAR. DR. HOLLIS RECEIVED HIS B.S. IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN 1952 AFTER HAVING HIS EDUCATION INTERRUPTED FOR DUTY IN THE U.S. MARINES FOR WWII. HE WENT THEN TO ACQUIRE A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HORTICULTURE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE. DR. HOLLIS WAS AWARDED HIS DOCTORATE DEGREE IN HORTICULTURE IN 1957 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND WHERE HE SERVED AS A PROFESSOR UNTIL 1966. SINCE THEN HE HAS HELD NUMEROUS HIGH RANKING TECHNICAL POSITIONS IN INDUSTRY, PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS. IN 1972, DR. HOLLIS WAS APPOINTED TO HIS PRESENT POSITION. ONE OF THE TASKS PRESENTLY IS THAT OF PRINCIPAL SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO THE VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS ON PESTICIDE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTION PROGRAMS.

4. DR. POMPILIU VERZARIU WILL BE THE SEMINAR ADVANCE OFFICER AND SEMINAR COORDINATOR. DR. VERZARIU IS A NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN BORN IN BUCHAREST, ROMANIA. HE HOLDS A DOCTORAL IN PHYSICS FROM AMERICAN UNIVERSITY AND IS PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING TRADE ASSISTANCE TO AMERICAN CHEMICAL AND PETROCHEMICAL FIRMS AT THE USDOC BEWT. HE WAS MOST RECENTLY WITH COMSAT GENERAL IN WASHINGTON. DR. VARZARIU HAS PUBLISHED SEVERAL ARTICLES AND PARTICIPATED AS DIRECTOR OF TRADE DEVELOPMENT TO THE "HEALTH-74" BIO-MEDICAL EXHIBIT IN MOSCOW. WE WILL ADVISE YOU OF DR. VERZARIU'S ITINERARY UNCLASSIFIED

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